

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-9 (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended)

~~The~~ A printing data transmission apparatus which transmits printing data to a printed matter preparation device to prepare a printed matter constituted of a plurality of pages while inserting a special sheet, a plurality of the special sheets constituting one set, into a designated page position sheet by sheet, the apparatus comprising:

insertion information input means into which insertion information indicating the page position of the special sheet to be inserted in the printed matter is input;

judgment means which judges whether or not an extra special sheet is generated if the printed matter is prepared in accordance with the insertion information and the number of special sheets constituting one set;

notification means which notifies that the extra special sheet is generated, when the judgment means judges that the extra special sheet is generated,

the notification means comprises display means, and the display means displays information indicating a request for selection from a plurality of choices including at least one of re-input of the insertion information, re-setting of the number of special sheets constituting one

set, automatic addition to add the extra special sheet to
the end of the printed matter, and forced execution of the
printing, when the judgment means judges that the extra
special sheet is generated; and
~~according to claim 1, further comprising:~~

selection acceptance means which accepts selection
from a plurality of choices including at least one of re-
input of the insertion information, re-setting of the
number of special sheets constituting one set, automatic
addition to add the extra special sheet to the end of the
printed matter, and forced execution of the printing, when
the judgment means judges that the extra special sheet is
generated.

11. (Original)

The printing data transmission apparatus according
to claim 10, further comprising:

additional information generation means which
processes the printing data for preparing the printed
matter so as to add the extra special sheet to the end of
the printed matter, when the plurality of choices include
at least the automatic addition and the selection
acceptance means selects the automatic addition.

12-24 (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended)

~~The A recording medium according to claim 15,~~
~~wherein the program further comprises:~~ readable by a
computer, in which a program is recorded for preparing a
printed matter constituted of a plurality of pages while
inserting a special sheet, a plurality of the special
sheets constituting one set, into a designated page
position sheet by sheet by a printed matter preparation
device and for executing:

a step of acquiring insertion information
indicating the page position of the special sheet to be
inserted into the printed matter;

a step of judging whether or not an extra special
sheet is generated if the printed matter is prepared in
accordance with the insertion information and the number of
special sheets constituting one set;

a step of notifying that the extra special sheet
is generated, when it is judged that the extra special
sheet is generated,

a step of displaying information indicating a
request for selection from a plurality of choices including
at least one of re-input of the insertion information, re-
setting of the number of special sheets constituting one
set, automatic addition to add the extra special sheet to
the end of the printed matter, and forced execution of the
printing, when the judgment means judges that the extra
special sheet is generated; and

a step of accepting selection from a plurality of choices including at least one of re-input of the insertion information, re-setting of the number of special sheets constituting one set, automatic addition to add an extra special sheet to the end of the printed matter, and forced execution of the printing, when it is judged that the extra special sheet is generated.

26. (Original)

The recording medium according to claim 25, wherein the plurality of choices include at least the automatic addition, and the acceptance step further comprises: a step of processing the printing data for preparing the printed matter so as to add the extra special sheet to the end of the printed matter, when the automatic addition is selected.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended)

A printing data transmission method of transmitting printing data to a printed matter preparation device which prepares a printed matter constituted of a plurality of pages while inserting a special sheet, a plurality of the special sheets constituting one set, into a designated page position sheet by sheet, the method comprising:

a step of acquiring insertion information indicating the page position of the special sheet to be inserted into the printed matter;

a step of judging whether or not an extra special sheet is generated if the printed matter is prepared in accordance with the insertion information and the number of special sheets constituting one set; and

a step of notifying that the extra special sheet is generated, when it is judged that the extra special sheet is generated;

a step of displaying information indicating a request for selection from a plurality of choices including at least one of re-input of the insertion information, re-setting of the number of special sheets constituting one set, automatic addition to add the extra special sheet to the end of the printed matter, and forced execution of the printing when the judgment means judges that the extra special sheet is generated; and

a step of accepting selection from a plurality of choices including at least one of re-input of the insertion information, re-setting of the number of special sheets constituting one set, automatic addition to add an extra special sheet to the end of the printed matter, and forced execution of the printing, when it is judged that the extra special sheet is generated.

29-32. (Cancelled)

33. (New)

The printing data transmission method according to Claim 28, wherein the plurality of choices include at least the automatic addition, and the step of accepting selection further comprises: a step of processing the printing data for preparing the printed matter so as to add the extra special sheet to the end of the printed matter, when the automatic addition is selected.